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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

together with the Report of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year 1967

UP HOLLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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To the Chairman and Members

Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting to you the Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1967.

As in previous years it has been compiled in accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Health.

I wish to express my gratitude for the assistance and co-operation received from the Officers of the Council and particularly to Mr. Gladwin, Public Health Inspector for his support.

I also respectfully wish to offer to Members of the Council my appreciation for the courtesy and encouragement given to me at all times.

I am Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

J.H. Robertson.

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District: 4,686 acres.
Population, Registrar General's mid-year estimate, 1967: 10,530.
Total number of habitable dwellings: 3,117.
Rateable value: £218,982.
Product of a penny rate: £1,359.

That part of the district within the designated area of the New Town is fast changing in character from agriculture, with the increasing urbanisation and build-up of industry. The remainder of the district remains predominantly agricultural, together with brickmaking.

Vital Statistics.

		Male	Female	Total.
Live Births:	(Legitimate	103	105	208
	(Illegitimate	2	2	4
		105	107	212
Still Births:	(Legitimate	4	Nil	4
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
		4	Nil	4
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.	(Legitimate	1	2	3
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
		1	2	3
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age.	(Legitimate	Nil	1	1
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
		Nil	1	1
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age.	(legitimate	Nil	1	1
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
		Nil	1	1

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	45	39	84

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Causes of Death.	No. of deaths in 1967	No. of deaths in 1966
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	6	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	1	4
Other Malignant Neoplasms.	3	6
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia.	2	-
Diabetes.	2	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	9	13
Coronary disease, agina.	17	23
Hypertension with heart disease.	-	2
Other heart disease.	18	22
Other circulatory disease.	1	1
Influenza.	-	2
Pneumonia.	5	4
Bronchitis,	3	3
Other disease of respiratory system.	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate.	-	1
All other defined and ill defined diseases.	8	5
Motor vehicle accidents.	2	-
All other accidents.	1	2
Suicide.	1	1
	84	99

Birth Rate (Crude) per 1,000 of the estimated population mid-1967 ..... 20.1
Death rate (Crude) per 1,000 of the estimated population mid-1967 ..... 8.0

STATEMENT SHOWING COMPARATIVE STATISTICS IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1962 - 1967.

	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Still Births		Maternal Mortality	
	No. Regis-tered.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. Regis-tered.	Rate per 1,00 pop'n.	No. Regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. Regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.
Year 1967	212	23.1	84	12.32	4	19		
" 1966	188	18.1	99	14.8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
" 1965	207	20.4	97	14.9	Nil	Nil	1	4.83
" 1964	212	21.9	94	15.2	3	14.0	Nil	Nil
" 1963	186	19.9	96	14.8	4	21.1	Nil	Nil
" 1962	168	18.7	78	13.4	3	17.5	Nil	Nil
Average 5 years	-	19.8	-	14.6	-	10.5	-	0.966

INFANT MORTALITY

	Under 1 year		Under 4 weeks		Early Neo-natal		Perinatal Mortality	
	No. of deaths regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'	No. of Deaths regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. of Deaths regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. of Deaths regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n
Year 1967	3	14	1	5	1	5	5	23
" 1966	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
" 1965	3	14.5	2	9.7	1	4.8	1	4.8
" 1964	2	9.4	2	9.4	1	4.7	4	18.6
" 1963	4	21.5	2	10.8	2	10.8	6	31.6
" 1962	5	29.8	4	23.8	4	23.8	7	40.9
Average 5 years	-	15.0	-	10.74	-	8.82	-	19.2

Adjusted: Live birth rate (comparability factor 1.15) = 23.115 per 1,000
Death rate (comparability factor 1.54) = 12.32 per 1,000

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1967.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES	Total Cases at all ages	0	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	25	45	65 and over	age un-known	Total Deaths
Measles	85	6	12	23	10	11	22	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	7	-	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	12	1	1	2	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	105	7	13	25	15	12	31	-	1	1	-	-	-	-

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Laboratory Arrangements.

Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Pathological Department of the Wigan Royal Infirmary and the Public Health Laboratories at Preston. These arrangements are satisfactory. A report on every examination is made to the Public Health Department.

The County Analyst at Preston carries out analyses of samples when requested.

Ambulance Arrangements.

Ambulance service in the district is provided by the Lancashire County Council. Vehicles are stationed at Billinge Ambulance Station, and a satisfactory service is being provided.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

No Action was taken under section 47 of this Act during the year 1967 by the Authority.

Water Supply.

Water is supplied by the Makerfield Water Board, and the West Lancashire Water Board. The supply was satisfactory as regards quality and quantity. During the year samples were regularly submitted for bacteriological examination.

Food Poisoning.

No cases of food poisoning were reported during the year 1967.

Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district, and no samples of liquid egg were submitted to the Alpha-Amylase test.

REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1967.

Public Health Department
11 Ormskirk Road
Up Holland

April 1968

HOUSING.

Although 25 improvement grants were approved during the year - the highest total yet - the response, especially by owners of tenanted property, remains disappointing. Of the 25 grants approved, only two were in respect of tenanted properties, and in each of these cases the tenant was a close relative of the owner. In the absence of voluntary improvement schemes onthe part of owners, the Council may well wish to seriously consider the use of compulsory powers in selected areas.

During the year the tenants of two houses made representations to the Council under section 19 of the Housing Act 1964. In one case the owner submitted a scheme for improvement, and the other case was under consideration by the Council at the end of the year.

Housing Statistics.

1. Number of new dwellings erected during the year-

Traditional permanent houses:-		Houses	Flats
(i)	By Local Authority	-	-
(ii)	By other Local Authorities	-	-
(iii)	By other bodies or persons	232	17

2. Total number of dwellings existing in district at end of year owned by Local Authority. ... ... 655.

3. <u>Inspections of dwelling- houses during the year</u>

(I)	(a)	Total No. of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	152.
	(b)	Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	204.
	(c)	Number of dwelling-houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	19.
(2)		Total No. of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable of being rendered fit, in respect of which:-	
	(a)	Demolition, Clearance or Closing orders have been made (at any time)	25.
	(b)	Demolition, Clearance or Closing orders have not yet been made.	36.

4. Houses Demolished

	Number Demolished	Displaced during year	
		persons	families
In or adjoining clearance areas:-			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under section 43(2). Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
Not in or adjoining clearance areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under section 16 or 17 (1). Housing Act, 1957.	7	1	1
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in unfitness orders	-	-	-

5. Unfit houses closed.

	Number	Displaced during the Year	
		Families	Persons
(1) Under Section 16(4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957, and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961.	-	-	-
(2) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
(3) Parts of Buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-

6. Unfit houses made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(1) After informal action by Local Authority	47	-
(2) After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts	2	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	-	-
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act 1957	-	-
(4) After modification or revocation of a Clearance order under Section 24 of the Housing Act 1957.	-	-
(5) After determination of a demolition order under Section 24 of the Housing Act, 1957.	-	-

7. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957).

	Number of Houses	Number of Separate Dwellings
Position at end of year.		
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) " " 17 (2)	-	-
(c) " " 46	-	-
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under sections 34 or 53.	-	-

Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-

	(1) No. of Houses	(2) No. of occupants in houses in column (1)
Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders	-	-

9 Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 -

Improvement Grants etc:-

	Private bodies or individuals	
	No. of schemes	No. of dwellings houses or other buildings affected
Action during year:		
(a) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	6	6
(b) Approved by Local Authority	6	6
(c) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	-	-
(e) Work completed	5	5
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (e)	-	-

10 House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants

	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected
Action during the year:	
(a) Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to (1) full standard	19
(11) reduced standard	-
(b) Total applications approved by Local authority for improvement to (1) full standard	19
(11) reduced standard	-
(c) Work completed	14

Rejection of Unsound Food.

During the year the following were rejected as unfit for human consumption.

	lbs	/ oz	other
Uncooked beef	192	8	
Cooked ham (canned)	11	-	
Hamburgers (canned)	6	12	
Bacon	17	-	
Grapefruit (canned)	6	-	

Frozen Foods.

Beefburgers			108
Pasties			156
Beef & Veg.			108
Steak & onion			258
Steak & Kidney			112
Steak pudding.			24
Sausage rolls			312
fruit pies			46
Yorkshire puddings			24
Plate steaks			6
Plaice fillets			84
joints of pork			2
sliced meat			13 trays
Trifles			9 "
Flans			2
Veal & liver pieces			384
Tray meals			225
sausages			57½ doz.
Pastries			45
Chickens			12
Chicken portions			4
Cod portions			42
Cod bits	10	-	
Prawns	1	-	
Trout			6
Fish packs			442

The rejection of this large amount of frozen food was brought about by breakdowns or inadvertent switch-offs of deep freeze equipment serving large factory canteens. As a result of this large loss of food the factories using frozen foods were written to and the dangers of a rise in the bacterial count of such foods after an electricity cut-off were pointed out.

FOOD PREMISES

Butchers	4
Bakers	1
Grocers and General Stores	30
Greengrocers	1
Fishfryers	2
Licensed Houses, Clubs, canteens	30

REGISTERED PREMISES

For the storage and sale of ice cream	21
For the manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream	-
For fish frying	2
For sausage manufacturing and preparation of meats	7
No. of Visits to food premises	251

MEAT INSPECTION

No meat inspection is carried out, there being no slaughter houses in the district

Food and Drugs Act 1955 - Sampling.

A total of 51 samples were obtained by the Lancashire County Council, comprising 20 milk (of which two were Channel Island milk), and 31 others as follows:-

1 Cocoa	1 Cough Medicine
3 Barley	1 Hazelnut spread
1 Tapioca	1 Meat Pie, Canned
1 Cornflour	1 Dried Vegetables
1 Slimming Biscuits	1 Castor Sugar
1 Cod Liver Oil B.P.	1 Mincemeat
2 Meat Paste	2 Dried Fruit
1 Vegetables, dried	1 Shredded Suet
2 Baking Powder	1 White Pepper
1 Dried Yeast	1 Pork Sausages
1 Malt, Milk and Cocoa Beverage	1 Sweets
1 Bacon	1 Meat Pie
1 Bread	1 Biscuits

Given below are details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:-

Sample	Result of Analysis	Action taken
Bread	Loose on the side of the loaf were 0.75 gramme of jute and other fibres together with 1.1 gramme of breadcrumbs and crust particles.	Complainant informed and bakers cautioned.
Pork Sausages	Contained 215 parts per million of sulphite preservative.	Vendor cautioned.
Sweets	The purple sweets contained the artificial colouring matter Blue VRS which is no longer permitted for use in food.	No action taken (follow-up sample)
Informal milk	Freezing Point indicates 4.7% extraneous water.	Dairy cautioned and further sample obtained.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

All houses in the district, with the exception of a few outlying ones, are now served by public sewers. The present position is that 8 middens and 9 pail closets exist, together with 3380 W.C's.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

This is carried out by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department. Disposal is by controlled tipping.

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The following contraventions of the Act were discovered during the year 1967.

Failure to provide thermometer	2
Failure to post Abstract of the Act	5
No proper first aid equipment	1
Dangerous stairs	3
Lift winding mechanism	1
Inadequate heating	1
Disused trap doors not secured	1

Notices complied with during the year - 47.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963 - REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTION

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total No. of premises registered at end of the year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	Nil	3	3
Retail Shops	1	21	21
Wholesale shops, warehouse	1	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public canteens	Nil	7	7
Fuel Storage depots	-	-	-

B. Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises - 52

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES
BY WORKPLACE.

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons employed
Offices	6
Retail shops	68
Wholesale departments, warehouses	1
Catering establishments open to public	30
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	-
Total	105
Total males	25
Total females	80

D. Exemptions - Nil
E. Procecutions - Nil
F. No. of Inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act - 1.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

1 No. of rodent operatives employed - (a) Full Time - One
(b) Part Time - Nil

2 Action taken relating to rodent control during year ended 31st December, 1967.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non Agricultural Dwelling-houses	Agricultural.
No. of properties in district	3067	50
No. of properties inspected after notification	177	3
Number infested by (i) Rats	90	3
(ii) Mice	87	0
Total number of properties inspected for rats or mice other than notification.	52	2
Number infested by (i) Rats	17	2
(ii) Mice	35	0

Total Visits. ... 822
Total treatments carried out ... 197

Contracts for the control of rats and mice by the local authority have been signed by a number of local firms.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by public Health Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which sections, 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by local authority	-	-	-	-
11. Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by local authority.	22	30	Nil	-
111. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	22	30	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more 'cases).

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.L.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-Work	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-